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TOPIC Items of Military Equipment Made in the Prison at Wisnicz Nowy

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REMARKS

1. During the period from May 1948 to June 1951, a military administrative authority had established a workshop for the manufacture of items of military equipment in the Polish prison in Wisnicz Nowy (R 50/Y 89). About 700 convicts were employed there in making dispatch cases, map cases, courier pouches, pistol holsters, field packs, garrison belts, cases for telescopes, and ground panels. A military unit in the strength of one platoon furnished the guard personnel. It was subordinate to a battalion in Krakow (Q 51/Z 24), which was quartered in the barracks installation on Montelupi Street. Source referred to the soldiers as KBV (Internal Security Corps) personnel. *
2. The field packs produced daily totaled from 300 to 500 units. No leather was used; they were made from boards covered with cloth with carrying straps of plaited substitute material. Cases for telescopes were made of canvas stiffened by cardboard; only the lids were of leather. Narrow garrison belts for soldiers were made of leather with a single round buckle of metal. Belts for officers were somewhat wider and had a buckle with two tongues.

* ☐ Comment. The information confirms previous reports; the barracks installation on Montelupi Street, Krakow, quarters a guard battalion in addition to a military court and the central prison.

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